Short Circuits

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Titusville Amateur Radio Club

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Club Meeting: 4th Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Titusville Public Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave.

Next meeting: November 28th

***"Eating Meeting",* every Thursday 5:30-6:30PM at the roving restaurant. Talk-in 146.91 or contact Sherry KU4ZO @ 279-2796.**

The President's Corner by Bud Hughes K4CWG

I enjoyed the club's annual "Pot-Luck" dinner so much that I am tempted to ask the Board of Directors to consider having this event twice a year instead of the once a year in the month of October. I cannot say enough about the delicious food. However there was one thing that was better than the vittles better known as victuals by some. That was the camaraderie shared by all in attendance.

The club will hold it's annual election of officers and Board of Directors at our next meeting, which is scheduled for November28.

Cathy, KI4GMF is the chairperson of our Nominating Committee and will present the slate of officers and board members from which you may select from or you may nominate anyone of your choosing from the floor. If you should nominate anyone from the floor be sure you have spoken to that individual and that he or she is willing to accept the nomination to the respected office.

It is my understanding our present Treasurer Becky Lee KF4HTB has decided not run for that office. Becky has served our club for many years as our Treasurer/Secretary.

This past year Cathy Johnson KI4GMF served as our Secretary.

The person who fills the vacancy of Becky our Treasurer must be experienced and can use the computer spreadsheet such as Excel, Access or some other compatible computer spreadsheet.

The Titusville Amateur Radio Club Christmas dinner/party will be held at Dixie Cross Roads. Dixie Cross Roads is located at 1475 Garden Street St., Titusville, Fl 32796.

The menu includes shrimp soup, fresh garden salad, baked potato, corn fritters, cream pie and choice of coffee, tea or soft drink.

Your choice of one of the following entrees is as follows:

1 dozen boat run shrimp

1 dozen rock shrimp

Cod (Fried, boiled or steamed)

Petite Prime Rib

Chicken Breast (Fried or grilled – with honey mustard or bar-b-q sauce

The per ticket price is $16.00 including tax and gratuity. Tickets will be available at the Nov 28th club meeting or you may call Sherry at 269-2796.

Hope to see you at the club meeting for election of officers.

Bring a friend

Bud K4CWG 73's

Word for the Month: JOLLIFICATION…..HOPE EVERYONE HAS ONE OF THESE THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

Abell's Anecdotes by Pike Abell W4EPU

QTC1 = I HAVE ONE MESSAGE FOR YOU.

For the most part, the subjects of my anecdotes have absolutely nothing to do with amateur radio. Therefore I feel it appropriate to occasionally write about it.

I have nothing but praise and admiration for the authors and publishers of the manual Now You're Talking. It is an excellent training manual which has provided knowledge for enabling the large number of our new Hams to obtain their licenses over the past several years.

There is, however, one area in Now You're Talking with which I have some reservations. It has to do with brevity (Q-signals, abbreviations, etc.) when using voice. The particular area is entitled "Keep it Plain and Simple." It states, in essence, that in voice communications brevity is not necessary. It says "on voice, you have plenty of time to say what you mean." That could mean "take all day". Some operators have a tendency to do just that. It says "Q-signals (QRX, QRV, and so forth) are for CW, not voice operations." It continues "QSL, QSO and QRZ have become adapted on voice." Even though that is strictly arbitrary in my opinion, it accounts for only five Q-signals.

And then there are those Q-signals not found in any listing. Admittedly, some Q-signals just don't fit when using voice. For example, QLF (try sending with your left foot, I could probably copy you better) (Grin.) is obviously unique for CW only. Whereas, on voice or CW one may use QQQ (Wipe the bird droppings off your antenna, apparently some of it is being radiated.) (Big Grin.)

Those of us who grew up, so to speak, on a mixture of voice and Morse code in both commercial and amateur communications have always used Q-signals, abbreviations and other forms of brevity interchangeable between CW and voice. Some operators in DX (foreign) countries know very little English, but they know Q-signals. Sometimes Q-signals are the only English they understand.

In conclusion, brevity in communications means "keep it short". It is NOT okay on voice to take all the time you like. Well, don't take all day, anyway. Q-signals are forms of brevity and may be used when appropriate to shorten transmission time whether on voice or CW.

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Happy Thanksgiving to all……..

If you haven't done so recently…..visit the TARC website. It is filled with a lot of info and various links to other sites of interests.

From the Editor by Brian Van Alstine WW4G

I attended the festivities for Veterans Day at Wickham Park in Melbourne, and was bewildered to find one of our own. The phrase "he's everywhere" come to mind. Ozzie (N4SCY) was there manning the amateur radio station (special event) during the honoring of our veterans from the past to the present. Well done Ozzie, it was good seeing you there, especially since I'm one of those Vets.

Remember.....if anyone has inputs to Short Circuits....have them to me by the 2nd Friday of the month.

Sept Meeting Minutes by Cathy Johnson KI4GMF

On Oct 24,TARC held its monthly meeting. This was the annual pot luck. It was announced that the election of officers will be held at the Nov. meeting. On Dec.14 the annual Christmas party will be held at Dixie Crossroads.

Ham License Test Sessions

FCC Exams are held anytime convenient to both the applicant and the volunteer examiners. You should probably study up or at least take the practice exams online (and perhaps more practice exams) before then. For information on exams and directions contact: Bud Hughes - K4CWG at 269-2796.

Treasurer's Report by Becky Lee KF4HTB

Beg. Bal.	4173.31
Deposits	4279.57
Expenses	3641.06
Balance	4802.83

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Upcoming Events

Nov 25 - Okeechobee Hamfest, Okeechobee Civic Center
Nov 28 – TARC Club meeting, 7PM, Titusville Public Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave
Dec 2-3 – W. Central FL Section Convention, Manatee Civic Center, Bradenton
Dec 9 – Ocala Hamfest, Marion County Extension Complex
Dec 14 – TARC Christmas Dinner/Party, Dixie Cross Roads, Titusville

TARC Local Nets

Red Eye Net: 7.228 MHz Sunday, 06:00
Mosquito Net: 28.333 MHz USB Wednesday, 19:00
VIP Net: 146.910 MHz Thursday, 10:00
Friendship Net: 146.910 MHz Tuesday, 18:30

Other Local Nets Frequency Day/Time (Local) Central Brevard
ARES/RACES Net: 147.135 MHz Wednesday, 09:00 Central Brevard
ARES/RACES Net: 147.135 MHz Wednesday, 19:00 IRARC
ARES/RACES Net: 145.370 MHz Wednesday, 19:15 Central Brevard
ATV Net: 146.940 MHz Wednesday, 19:45